

# Temple College Department of Emergency Medical Services Professions

## EMT – Basic Program Admissions Packet

Thank you for your interest in the EMT-Basic program offered by the Emergency Medical Services Professions (EMSP) Department. We strive to consider all applicants in a fair and consistent manner. This packet describes the steps involved in making application.

Temple College and the EMS Professions Department do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion/creed, age, gender, disabling conditions, handicaps, or national origin. To be admitted to the EMT-Basic program, students must first meet the basic entrance requirements of Temple College. However, admission to Temple College does not constitute automatic acceptance into the EMS Professions Department's programs.

The program to which you are applying is both mentally and physically challenging. Because of the unique environment in which EMS personnel function, it is important to have a good understanding of the demands of the profession. A copy of the Functional Position Description is attached. Please review it carefully to assess your ability to perform the essential job functions of the profession. If you believe you have a disability that will require accommodations during the application process or during your enrollment as a student, please contact the EMS Professions Department as soon as possible. While we will assure that everyone is afforded equal opportunity during the application and instructional processes, you should be aware that you must be able to successfully complete ALL of the program's requirements, either with or without reasonable accommodations.

This packet also includes a list of the program's prerequisites and several required forms. Please complete all forms carefully and provide any necessary attachments. You should consult the checklist at the bottom of the form to ensure your application is complete. Please be aware that the time frame for immunizations is lengthy and you should plan accordingly. We do NOT accept incomplete applications. If you have any questions, please contact us. We will be happy to assist you.



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Temple, TX 76504  
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Email : [emsinfo@templejc.edu](mailto:emsinfo@templejc.edu)

Internet: <http://www.templejc.edu/dept/ems/Welcome.html>

## **Prerequisites**

Applicants must meet the following prerequisites to be considered for acceptance into the **EMT-Basic** program:

1. High school graduation or a GED. (High school seniors may apply, but you must be 18 years old and hold a high school diploma or GED to become certified)
2. Acceptance to Temple College.
3. Verification of immunization against tetanus, diphtheria, mumps, measles, rubella, and varicella.
4. Verification of 1<sup>st</sup> Hepatitis B vaccination (1 of 3) by:
  - For Fall admission – June 15
  - For Spring admission – October 15
  - For Summer admission – February 15

**The entire three (3) shot series must be completed prior to the beginning of clinicals!**

5. Negative results from a tuberculosis skin test or chest x-ray performed within the last 12 months.
6. Completion of the written application for admission to the program, including all supplemental documentation.

## **Evaluation of Applicants**

The number of students in the program is limited by spaces available for clinical experience in affiliated hospitals and EMS provider organizations. Acceptance into the program is on a first come first serve basis.

## **Admissions Process**

1. Carefully review the Functional Position Description. This document describes the physical and mental tasks the EMS profession requires. If you believe you have a disability that will require accommodations during the application process or during your enrollment as a student, please contact the EMS Professions Department as soon as possible.
2. Apply to Temple College.
3. Complete the Application Form
4. Obtain and attach the following documents to your Application Form.

***We will NOT accept incomplete applications.***

- a. Evidence of a High School Diploma or a GED. (High School Seniors should submit a letter stating that they are in their Senior Year of High School)
- b. Verification of immunization against
  - a. Tetanus
  - b. Diphtheria
  - c. Mumps, Measles, and Rubella
  - d. Varicella or documented proof of chicken pox
  - e. Hepatitis B
    1. Must complete first shot by the above dates
    2. Must complete the entire series before the beginning of clinicals (3 weeks after the first class day).
  - f. Hepatitis A is not required, but it is recommended.
  - g. Negative results from a tuberculosis skin test or chest x-ray performed within the last 12 months.
5. Bring your application packet to the EMS Professions Department or the Taylor Center. Once we verify that all information is present, you will be eligible to enroll into courses.

*NOTE: Please retain copies of all documents you provide as part of the admissions process. Employers frequently require similar documents as part of their application process. The EMS Professions Department does NOT routinely provide students with photocopies of CPR cards, immunization records, EMT certificates, or similar documents from their files.*

# Information for Prospective EMT-Basic Students

## **Disability Accommodations**

Temple College will take the steps required for reasonable accommodation to ensure that no individual is excluded, denied service, segregated, or otherwise treated differently than other individuals because of the absence of auxiliary aids and services. Support assistance may include note takers, interpreters for the deaf, tutoring, counseling and advising, special arrangements, tape recorders, etc. Persons requesting disability services should complete a request for services by contacting the Office of Special Support Services. In many cases, recent documentation of disability may be required.

The National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians administers a separate process for determining whether accommodations for disabilities will be granted during the certification exams. Eligibility is determined on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, a student who receives an accommodation during an EMT course has no guarantee of receiving an accommodation for the certification exam.

## **Immunizations**

The following immunizations are required:

- Mumps, measles, rubella
- Tetanus, diphtheria
- Hepatitis B (requires six months to complete!)
- TB Skin test completed within the previous 12 months
- Varicella or proof of disease (chicken pox)

*Documentation of these immunizations must be on file before you can register. Although the Department does not require it, you should consider also being vaccinated against hepatitis A.*

## **Uniforms**

You will be required to wear a specific design of white uniform shirt, black or blue pants, and black shoes during clinical rotations. Jeans are not allowed. If you plan to continue into the Paramedic program, you should purchase Pro-Tuff pocket pants as part of your uniform. You will be required to purchase a "Temple College EMSP" patch to wear on the right sleeve of your uniform shirt. This patch is available from the College bookstore.

## **Supplies**

Students will be required to purchase a stethoscope for use during laboratory sessions and clinical rotations. Purchase of a blood pressure cuff is encouraged since manual BP cuffs often are not readily available at rotation sites.

## **Books**

Textbooks and handouts are available from the Temple College Bookstore. The cost will be approximately \$110.

## **Class Schedules**

Temple EMT classes meet Monday and Wednesday from 6pm to 10pm. Taylor EMT classes meet Tuesday and Thursday from 6pm to 10 pm. There will also be at least six 8-hour Saturday sessions as indicated on the course schedule. In addition, you will attend at least 80 hours of clinical rotations. Clinicals will be scheduled for a time outside of class at a time agreed upon by the clinical sites.

## **Courses**

You will need to enroll in two courses for six credit hours. EMSP 1501-EMT-Basic is the lecture/lab course. EMSP 1160-Clinical EMS is the clinical course is the clinical rotation course. Students wishing to pursue advance (EMT-Intermediate or Paramedic) training are required to enroll in Human Anatomy and Physiology (BIOL 2401 or BIOL 2404). See the specific program curriculum for more information.

## **Transportation and Travel Costs**

Temple College and the EMS Professions Department assume no responsibility for expenses incurred as a result of travel or transportation that must be arranged by students to satisfy course requirements.

## EMSP Student Uniform Information

Students enrolled in EMSP clinical courses are required to purchase a uniform meeting the specifications outlined in the EMSP Student Handbook. This uniform must be worn during all clinical (hospital and field sites) rotations with the exception of Labor & Delivery and OR rotations. The EMSP Uniform consists of:

- ◆ a white uniform shirt meeting the specifications of the EMSP Program (e.g. short sleeve white with epaulettes, right and left vertical seams, and velcro pockets),
- ◆ dark blue or black “Pro-Tuff” type of EMS pants meeting the specifications of the EMSP Program (uniform-style pants with cargo-type pockets, hemmed without drawstrings), [EMS Pants are optional for EMT Students only, black or blue pants but no jeans are acceptable]
- ◆ a black belt appropriate for the EMS pants,
- ◆ a Temple College EMSP program patch neatly sewn 1 inch down on the right sleeve,
- ◆ a current Texas EMS certification patch (ECA, EMT, EMT-I) sewn 1 inch down on the left sleeve (if applicable),
- ◆ a Temple College EMSP program photo ID badge,
- ◆ black, low-heeled, closed-toe, clean shoes or boots,
- ◆ other tools or instruments as specified by the program (e.g. penlight, pen, notepad, etc.)

The uniform must be clean and pressed. Clinical sites, preceptors or Temple College EMSP program staff may turn you away if they feel your dress or general appearance is inappropriate. Additional Dress Code and Personal Hygiene policies are contained in the Student Handbook.

Students who need to purchase uniforms may do so from any source. However, the uniforms must meet the specifications of the EMSP program. Uniforms meeting these specifications are available from any of the locations listed on the attached pages.

## **Uniform Vendors** *(Prices are Subject to Change)*

### **Waco**

New York Clothiers  
806 Austin Ave.  
Waco, TX  
(254) 754-3242  
3242

Bus. Hours: Call  
From I-35 North, Exit 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Streets, Take 4<sup>th</sup> to the left  
under the highway, Go on 4<sup>th</sup> ½ mile to 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light  
(Austin Ave), Turn left on Austin Ave, Go up Austin 800-889-  
Ave past 8<sup>th</sup> St, New York Clothiers is on the left

**EMS Pants:** 6 pkt Model, Navy or Black, Sizes 44-50, \$41.00

**EMS Shirt:** short sleeve white with patch, Sizes S-XL \$19.95, 2X-3X \$22.95

**Other:** EMT and EMT-I patches are available. Call to see if EMSP patches are available. Other medical products are also available at this store.

### **Austin**

Miller Uniforms  
650 Canon From I-35, Exit Airport Blvd, then go north on Airport Blvd Austin, TX Go past  
Highland Mall, turn left onto Guadalupe (light after (512) 302-5541 Mall). Turn right onto Canon  
(next intersection). Miller Uniforms in a half block down on the left.

Bus. Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**EMS Pants:** Dark navy EMS Pants, \$54.95 (hemmed on site while you wait)

**EMS Shirt:** Standard EMS White Shirt, \$27.90 (patches may be sewn on at an extra charge)

**Other:** EMT and EMT-I patches available at this store (\$3.25 ea). Black leather belt (\$15.50). Black  
“High-Tech” Style Commando Boots (\$62.95). TC EMSP patches are not currently available at this  
store.

### **Killeen**

Metroplex Medical Equipment  
1002 E. Elms Road  
Suite 102  
Killeen, TX 76542  
(800) 598-1694  
(254) 616-2632

Bus. Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
From Hwy 190 West to Killeen, Exit Trimmier, Turn  
left under Hwy 190, Follow Trimmier about 1 mi.  
until you get to Elms Road (Ellison High School on the  
right), Metroplex Medical Equipment across the  
street on the right

**EMS Pants:** Dark navy EMS Pants, \$46.71 (no on site alterations but available next door for a cost)

**EMS Shirt:** Standard EMS White Shirt, \$25.46

**Other:** EMT and EMT-I patches available at this store (\$3.57 each). TC EMSP patches are not currently  
available at this store. Prices above include 15% Temple College discount.

## Functional Position Description

### EMT-BASIC

The following general position description should guide you when considering what qualifications, competencies, and tasks are required of the EMT-Basic (referred to as EMT or Basic). The ultimate responsibility for defining specific job descriptions lies with each EMS entity. This means that even though a student meets the requirements of Temple College's EMS Professions Department, he or she is not guaranteed to meet those set by a specific employer.

### Qualifications

You must first successfully complete the course of study offered through the EMS Professions Department. The Texas Department of State Health Services has approved all of our courses. You must then achieve a passing score on the national certification examination. Once you have passed the national certification exam, you are eligible to apply for certification with the Texas Department of State Health Services.

You must be at least 18 years of age. You will need at least a high school education or its equivalent (a GED) to master the knowledge and skills required for successful completion. You must possess ability to communicate verbally face-to-face, by telephone, and by radio equipment; ability to lift, carry, and balance up to 125 pounds (250 with assistance); ability to interpret written and oral instructions; ability to use good judgment and remain calm in high stress situations; ability to work effectively in an environment with loud noises, flashing lights, and other distractions; ability to function effectively throughout and entire work shift (up to 24 hours without sleep); ability to read small print under life-threatening time constraints; ability to read and understand English language manuals and road maps; ability to discern street signs and address numbers; ability to interview patients, family members, and bystanders; ability to document, in writing, relevant information with medical and legal ramifications in a prescribed format; ability to converse in English with coworkers and hospital staff as to patient status; good manual dexterity, with ability to perform all tasks related to highest quality patient care; ability to bend, stoop, and crawl on uneven terrain; ability to withstand varied environmental conditions such as extreme heat, cold, and moisture; ability to work in low light, confined spaces, and other dangerous environments.

### Competency Areas

*EMT-Basic:* You must demonstrate competence in handling emergencies using basic life support equipment and skills in accordance with all behavioral objectives in the U.S. Department of Transportation EMT-Basic curriculum. Required skills include cardiopulmonary resuscitation, bandaging and splinting, traction splinting, mechanical aids to breathing, vital signs, patient assessment, spinal immobilization, automated external defibrillation, small volume nebulization, metered dose inhalers, epinephrine auto injectors, pneumatic anti-shock garment, and administration of some medications, including activated charcoal, albuterol, epinephrine, oral glucose and nitroglycerin.

## **Description of Tasks**

Receives call from dispatcher; responds to emergency calls; reads maps; may drive ambulance to emergency site, using most expeditious route; observes traffic ordinances and regulations.

Determines nature and extent of illness or injury; takes pulse, blood pressure, and respirations; observes changes in skin color and other diagnostic signs; auscultates breath sounds; makes determinations regarding patient status; establishes priority for emergency care; provides appropriate emergency care based on competency level; May use equipment based on competency level, including but not limited to epinephrine auto injectors, small volume nebulizers, metered dose inhalers, mechanical aids to breathing, long spine board, short spine boards, splints, bandages and pneumatic anti-shock garment.

Assists in lifting, carrying, and transporting patients to ambulance. Reassures patients and bystanders; avoids undue haste and mishandling of patients; searches for medical information emblem to aid in care. Extricates patient from entrapment; assesses extent of injury; uses prescribed techniques and appliances; radios dispatcher for additional assistance or services; provides light rescue service if required; provides additional emergency care following established protocols.

Complies with regulations in handling deceased, notifies authorities, arranges for protection of property and evidence at scene. Determines appropriate facility to which patient will be transported, reports nature and extent of injuries to facility, and asks for direction from hospital physician or emergency department. Observes patient en route and administers care as directed by physician or emergency department, or according to written protocol. Identifies diagnostic signs that require communication with facility. Assists in removing patient from ambulance and into emergency facility. Reports observations about patient and patient care at scene and en route to facility both verbally and in writing, provides assistance to emergency staff as required.

Replaces supplies; sends appropriate used supplies for sterilization; checks all equipment for future readiness; maintains ambulance in operable condition; ensures cleanliness of ambulance and orderliness of equipment and supplies; decontaminates vehicle interior; determines vehicle readiness by checking oil, gas, water in battery and radiator, and tire pressure; maintains familiarity with all specialized equipment.

# Information on a Career In Emergency Medical Services

## Nature of the Work

People's lives often depend on the quick reaction and competent care of emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics, EMTs with additional advanced training to perform more difficult pre-hospital medical procedures. Incidents as varied as automobile accidents, heart attacks, drownings, childbirths, and gunshot wounds all require immediate medical attention. EMTs and paramedics provide this vital attention as they care for and transport the sick or injured to a medical facility.

Depending on the nature of the emergency, EMTs and paramedics typically are dispatched to the scene by a 911 operator and often work closely with police and fire department personnel. Once they arrive, they determine the nature and extent of the patient's condition, while trying to ascertain whether the patient has preexisting medical problems. Following policies and protocols, they give appropriate emergency care and when necessary, transport the patient. EMTs and paramedics also treat patients with minor injuries on the scene of an accident or at their home without transporting them to a medical facility. Some Paramedics work as part of helicopter flight crews that transport critically ill or injured. All treatments are carried out under the supervision of medical doctors.

EMTs and paramedics may use special equipment such as backboards to immobilize patients before placing them on stretchers and securing them in the ambulance for transport to a medical facility. Usually, one EMT or paramedic drives while the other monitors the patient's condition and gives additional care as needed. At the medical facility, EMTs and paramedics transfer patients to the emergency department staff, report their observations and actions, and may provide additional emergency treatment. After each run, EMTs and paramedics replace used supplies, check equipment, decontaminate the equipment and the interior of the ambulance, and write a patient care report.

Beyond these general duties, the specific responsibilities of EMTs and paramedics depend on their level of qualification and training. To determine this, and the Texas Department of Health certifies or licenses emergency medical service (EMS) providers and the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) registers providers at four levels: First Responder, also called Emergency Care Attendant (ECAs), EMT-Basic, EMT-Intermediate, and EMT-Paramedic. The lowest level, First Responders (ECAs), are trained to provide basic emergency medical care because they tend to be the first persons to arrive at the scene of an incident. Many firefighters, police officers, and other emergency workers have this level of training. The EMT-Basic, also known as EMT-B, represents the first component of the emergency medical technician system. An EMT-B is trained to care for ill or injured patients on scenes and during transport by ambulance to the hospital. The EMT-B has the skills to assess a patient's condition and manage respiratory, cardiac, other medical and trauma emergencies. The EMT-Intermediate (EMT-I) has more advanced training that allows administration of intravenous fluids, use of advanced airway techniques and equipment to assist patients experiencing emergencies. Paramedics (EMT-P) provide the most extensive pre-hospital care. In addition to the procedures already described, paramedics may administer drugs, interpret electrocardiograms (EKGs), use manual defibrillators to restart the heart, perform surgical airways, and use other complex equipment.

## **Working Conditions**

EMTs and paramedics work both indoors and outdoors, in all types of weather. They are required to do considerable kneeling, bending, and heavy lifting. These workers risk noise-induced hearing loss from sirens and noisy accident scenes and back injuries from lifting patients. In addition, EMTs and paramedics may be exposed to diseases such as Hepatitis and HIV, as well as violence from drug overdose victims or mentally unstable patients. The work may not only be physically strenuous, but also stressful, involving life-or-death situations and suffering patients. Nonetheless, many people find the work exciting and challenging and enjoy the opportunity to help others. EMTs and paramedics should be emotionally stable, have good dexterity, agility, and physical coordination, and be able to lift and carry heavy loads.

EMTs and paramedics employed by fire departments work about 50 hours a week. Those employed by hospitals frequently work between 45 and 60 hours a week and those in private ambulance services, between 45 and 50 hours. Some of these workers, especially those in police and fire departments, are on duty for extended periods. Many EMTs and paramedics work 24/48 hours shifts in which they work for 24 hours and are off the next 48 hours. Because emergency services function 24 hours a day, EMTs and paramedics have irregular working hours that add to job stress.

## **Employment**

EMTs and paramedics held about 172,000 jobs in 2000. Most career EMTs and paramedics work in metropolitan areas. There are many more volunteer EMTs and paramedics, especially in smaller cities, towns, and rural areas. They volunteer for fire departments, or emergency medical services (EMS). EMTs and paramedics may respond to only a few calls for service per month, or may answer 20 calls for service per shift.

Full- and part-time paid EMTs and paramedics were employed in a number of settings. About 4 out of 10 worked in local and suburban transportation, as employees of private ambulance services. About 3 out of 10 worked in local government for fire departments, public ambulance services and Emergency Medical Services. Another 2 out of 10 were found in hospitals, where they worked full time within the medical facility or responded to calls in ambulances or helicopters to transport critically ill or injured patients. The remainder worked in various industries providing emergency services.

## **Training, Other Qualifications, and Advancement**

Formal training and certification is needed to become an EMT or paramedic. In Texas, an applicant must complete a Department of Health approved course, pass a credentialing exam and skill exam. All initial applicants will be required to take the National Registry of EMTs examination to obtain a Texas certification or licensure. To maintain certification, EMTs and paramedics must reregister, every 2 years for the National Registry, and/or every four years for the Texas Department of Health. Graduates of approved EMT basic training programs that pass a written and practical examination administered by the State certifying agency or the NREMT earn the title of Registered EMT-Basic. In order to re-register or recertify, an individual must meet the continuing education requirements set by the issuing entity.

Training is offered at progressive levels: EMT-Basic, EMT-Intermediate, and EMT-paramedic. The EMT-Basic represents the first level of skills required to work in the emergency medical system. Formal classroom experiences are enhanced with combined time in an emergency room and on an ambulance. Coursework typically emphasizes emergency skills such as managing respiratory, trauma, and cardiac emergencies and patient assessment. The program also provides instruction and practice in dealing with

bleeding, fractures, airway obstruction, cardiac arrest, and emergency childbirth. Students learn to use and maintain common emergency equipment, such as backboards, suction devices, splints, oxygen delivery systems, and stretchers. The course is a prerequisite for further training as an EMT-Intermediate or EMT-Paramedic.

EMT-Intermediate training requirements vary from State to State. In Texas, EMT-Intermediates receive additional training in assessment, trauma, physiology, airway management, and medical emergencies. Training commonly includes 250 hours of additional instruction beyond EMT-Basic coursework. Prerequisites for taking the EMT-Intermediate examination include certification or registration as an EMT-Basic, required classroom work, and a specified amount of clinical experience. EMT-Intermediate is not a prerequisite for EMT-Paramedic training.

The most advanced level of training for this occupation is EMT-Paramedic. At this level, the caregiver receives additional training in physiology, pharmacology, patient assessment, cardiology, trauma, airway management and extensive training in other body systems. The Paramedic Professions program lasts eighteen to twenty-four months and can result in an associate degree in applied science. Such education prepares the graduate to take the NREMT and the State Credentialing Examination and become certified as an EMT-Paramedic. Extensive classroom, clinical and field training is required. Due to the longer training requirement, almost all EMT-Paramedics are in paid positions. Refresher courses and continuing education are available for EMTs and paramedics at all levels.

Advancement beyond the EMT-Paramedic level usually means leaving fieldwork. An EMT-Paramedic can become a supervisor, operations manager, administrative director, or executive director of emergency services. Some EMTs and paramedics become instructors, or dispatchers, while others move into sales or marketing of emergency medical equipment. A number of people become EMTs and paramedics to assess their interest in healthcare and then decide to return to school and become registered nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, physicians, or other health care workers.

## **Job Outlook**

Employment of emergency medical technicians and paramedics is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations through 2010. Population growth and urbanization will increase the demand for full-time paid EMTs and paramedics rather than for volunteers. In addition, a large segment of the population, the aging baby boomers, will further spur demand for EMT services, as they become more likely to have medical emergencies. There will still be demand for part-time, volunteer EMTs and paramedics in rural areas and smaller metropolitan areas. In addition to job growth, openings will occur because of replacement needs; some workers leave because of stressful working conditions, limited advancement potential, and the modest pay and benefits in the private sector.

Most opportunities for EMTs and paramedics are expected to arise in hospitals and private ambulance services. Competition will be greater for jobs in local government, including fire, police, and independent third service rescue squad departments, where salaries and benefits tend to be slightly better.

Opportunities will be best for those who have advanced certifications, such as EMT-Intermediate and EMT-Paramedic, as clients and patients demand higher levels of care before arriving at the hospital.

## **Earnings**

Earnings of EMTs and paramedics depend on the employment setting and geographic location as well as the individual's training and experience. According to a recent survey conducted by the Journal of Emergency Medical Services average annual starting salaries were \$34,670 for an EMT-Paramedic,

\$28,491 for an EMT-Intermediate, and \$26,721.00 for an EMT-Basic<sup>1</sup>. **Several agencies in the Central Texas Area offer starting salaries of at least \$50,000 annually.**

Those in emergency medical services who are part of fire or police departments receive the same benefits as firefighters or police officers. For example, many are covered by pension plans that provide retirement at half pay after 20 or 25 years of service or if disabled in the line of duty.

## **Related Occupations**

Other workers in occupations that require quick and level-headed reactions to life-or-death situations are Air Traffic Controllers, Firefighting Occupations, Physician Assistants, Police and Detectives, and Registered Nurses.

## **Sources of Additional Information**

General information about emergency medical technicians and paramedics is available from:

National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, 408 Monroe St., Clinton, MS 39056  
<http://www.naemt.org>

National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, P.O. Box 29233, Columbus, OH 43229.  
<http://www.nremt.org>

National Highway Transportation Safety Administration, EMS Division,  
400 7th St. SW., NTS-14, Washington, DC.  
<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/ems>

*Source: U.S. Department of Labor*

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.jems.com/data/pdf/JEMSSalarySurvey05.pdf>

## EMT-B Application

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Preferred Name
Social Security Number		Date of Birth	
Mailing Address			
City	State	ZIP	
Home Telephone (with area code)		Work Telephone (with area code)	
Cell Phone Number (with area code)		Email Address	
Highest Level of Education Completed, including degree and institution if appropriate.			
Name of Emergency Notification		Telephone Number (with area code)	

The nature of EMS duties requires restrictions to be placed on credentialing of persons with criminal histories. Clinical Sites will require a criminal background check and may require a drug screen prior to beginning clinical rotations. If the student does not meet the standards set by the clinical site, the student will not be allowed to attend or complete the clinical at that site. Applicants with criminal histories who wish to take the NREMT examination or be certified or licensed by the Texas Department of State Health Services are reviewed by those agencies on a case by case basis. Therefore, the EMSP Department is not able to advise a student with a criminal history if he/she will be eligible for certification and/or licensure upon course completion. Restrictions from entering a clinical site may not be the same as those of the certification/licensing agencies. Questions regarding certification or licensure of applicants with criminal histories should be directed to the Texas Department of State Health Services or the National Registry of EMT's.

Have you:

- Reviewed the Functional Position Description?  
 Applied to Temple College?

Have you attached the following documents to this application?

- Evidence of High School Diploma, GED, or letter stating you are in your senior year of High School  
 Verification of immunization against: tetanus, diphtheria, mumps, measles, rubella, varicella and hepatitis B.  
 Negative results of a tuberculosis skin test or chest x-ray performed within the last 12 months

**Students should keep the general information pages for future reference. Please do not return the general information sheets!**

**Incomplete applications will NOT be accepted.**

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## **Criminal History** **Important Disclosure and Agreement**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Degree Sought:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Field of Study:** \_\_\_\_\_

Student has requested admission or has been admitted to Temple College to seek a degree or certificate in the above field of study. A portion of the curriculum which the Student must complete involves a clinical rotation or observation at a hospital or health care facility. If Student completes the field of study and obtains the degree or certificate sought, Student might have to be licensed or certified by the State of Texas or other jurisdiction before Student can be employed in his or her chosen field.

Before beginning or continuing Student's field of study at Temple College, Student should be aware that a criminal record may have adverse consequences on Student's ability to reach Student's ultimate goal of certification/licensure and employment.

For instance, Student may not be able to complete clinical rotations or observations if Student has a criminal record. Likewise, such a record may prevent Student from being licensed, certified, or employed. A criminal background check may and probably will be required in connection with Student's clinical rotation/observation, licensure/certification, and employment.

Temple College and its faculty, officers, and employees cannot determine with certainty whether Student's criminal record, if any, will have any adverse effect on Student's ability to complete the field of study, obtain the degree sought, be licensed/certified, or be employed.

Student understands that the decision as to whether the Student can attend clinicals or observation at a hospital or health care facility, obtain certification, and be employed by a health care provider is the decision of the hospital, health care facility, or certifying agency. The following offenses will disqualify Student from consideration for clinicals:

- 1. Criminal homicide;**
- 2. Kidnapping or unlawful restraint;**
- 3. Indecency with a child;**
- 4. Sexual Assault;**
- 5. Injury to a child, elderly individual or disabled individual;**
- 6. Abandoning or endangering a child;**
- 7. Aiding suicide;**
- 8. Agreement to abduct a child from custody;**
- 9. Sale or purchase of a child;**
- 10. Arson;**
- 11. Robbery;**
- 12. Aggravated robbery;**
- 13. Assault (Class A or Felony level);**
- 14. Burglary;**
- 15. Theft (Felony level);**
- 16. Misapplication of fiduciary property or property of a financial institution (Class A or Felony level); or,**
- 17. Securing execution of a document by deception (Class A or Felony level);**

**Student, by signing below, acknowledges receipt of this document and understands its contents. Student covenants never to sue or seek damages from Temple College as a result of any adverse consequences described above which maybe suffered by Student as a result of Student's criminal record. Student acknowledges that Temple College or a health care provider may have to obtain are part of Student's criminal record or other required information at some time in the future to place Student in a clinical rotation or observation. Student must sign all forms necessary for the College or a health care provider to obtain this criminal report or other required information in order to be admitted into a clinical rotation or observation.**

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**Signature of Student**

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**Date**

# Temple College Hepatitis B Immunization Information

Hepatitis B is a serious disease caused by a virus that attacks the liver. The virus, which is called hepatitis B virus (HBV), can cause lifelong infection, cirrhosis (scarring) of the liver, liver cancer, liver failure, and death.

Short-term consequences of Hepatitis B include an average of seven (7) weeks lost from work and the risk of permanent liver damage. Long-term consequences include chronic active Hepatitis, cirrhosis of the liver, and liver cancer.

In the health care setting, Hepatitis B patients are difficult to identify. In many cases, they do not show symptoms and it may not be known that they are infected with the Hepatitis B virus. The virus is primarily spread to health care workers through contact with infected blood or other body fluids. Health care workers have three (3) to five (5) times the risk of the general public of acquiring Hepatitis B. Hepatitis B represents the major occupational infectious disease hazard of health care workers.

THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC) AND THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA) RECOMMEND VACCINATION OF ALL HEALTH CARE WORKERS.

As a student in a health care field, you will have direct contact with patients who could be Hepatitis B carriers. THEREFORE, IT IS REQUIRED THAT YOU OBTAIN THE SERIES OF THREE (3) IMMUNIZATIONS FOR HEPATITIS B, OR PROVIDE PROOF OF SEROLOGIC CONFIRMATION OF IMMUNITY TO HEPATITIS B VIRUS OR YOU MUST QUALIFY FOR ONE OF THE EXCLUSIONS LISTED IN RULE 97.62.

## Hepatitis B Immunization Information

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby affirm that I have been well advised and thoroughly informed of the hazards of not obtaining the **Hepatitis B immunizations**.

I understand that participating in clinical rotations involves certain risks, and injuries can occur that result in extensive treatments, personal injury and even death. I understand that it is my responsibility to obtain the **Hepatitis B immunizations and to provide proof of such to Temple College**.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have already been vaccinated against **Hepatitis B** and will provide proof of these to Temple College.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will immediately start and obtain the entire series of **Hepatitis B** immunizations prior to any clinical rotations or other activities involving patient care and will provide proof of these to Temple College.

Completion of the **Hepatitis B** series takes approximately four (4) to six (6) months to complete. **Please see schedule regarding admission requirements.** Watch your dates closely.

\_\_\_\_\_ I Choose NOT to obtain the **Hepatitis B** immunizations. I understand if I choose not to obtain the **Hepatitis B** immunizations and I do not qualify for any of the Exclusions in Rule 97.62, I will not be considered for admission into this program.

EXECUTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Release of Liability

**In consideration of being allowed to enroll in clinical rotation courses, I hereby affirm that REGARDLESS OF MY HEPATITIS IMMUNIZATION STATUS, I DO HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE TEMPLE COLLEGE, ITS GOVERNING BOARD, ITS EMPLOYEES, INSTRUCTORS, AGENTS, AND REPRESENTATIVES (THE “RELEASED PARTIES”), FROM ALL LIABILITY WHATSOEVER TO ME FOR PERSONAL INJURY, DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR BY ANY STATUTORY VIOLATION, OR CAUSED BY MY CONTRACTING HEPATITIS OR ANY CONTAGIOUS DISEASE WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING INJURIES OR DISEASES CAUSED BY “SHARP” CUTS, NEEDLE STICKS, OR EXPOSURE TO PATIENTS OR THEIR BODILY FLUIDS OR RESPIRATIONS, AND I EXPRESSLY HEREBY DISCHARGE AND RELEASE THE SAID RELEASED PARTIES ABOVE NAMED FROM ANY CLAIM, DEMAND, CAUSE OF ACTION OR DAMAGE OF ANY DESCRIPTION IN ANY WAY RELATED TO MY CONTRACTING INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND MY OBTAINING OR FAILING TO OBTAIN IMMUNIZATIONS AGAINST THESE DISEASES. THIS RELEASE WILL BE APPLICABLE TO DAMAGES SUSTAINED BY ME CAUSED BY THE JOINT OR CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, EVEN IF THEY ARE DISCHARGED OR PROTECTED AGAINST THEIR OWN NEGLIGENCE.**

**I further state that I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this waiver and release of liability; that I understand the terms herein are contractual and not a mere recital; and that I have signed this document of my own free act.**

**I HAVE FULLY INFORMED MYSELF OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY BY READING IT AND THE TEMPLE COLLEGE HEPATITIS B INFORMATION DOCUMENT BEFORE SIGNING BELOW.**

**EXECUTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.**

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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